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PHILADELPHIA, PA., 11 JUNE -- Kilted Highlanders of the 3rd Battalion, The Black Watch, Royal Highland Regiment of Canada and a provisional battalion of dress-blue clad Marines from Philadelphia joined together over the week end to help the city celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin.

The 250-man Canadian detachment, here as guests of the city, joined the Marines is a colorful two-day military pageant.

Arriving by bus from Montreal Saturday morning, the battalion was met at the city limits and escorted to Marine Barracks, Naval Base, for billeting and messing during their stay. After breakfast the unit departed for Logan Circle, 19th and Franklin Parkway, to begin the two-day pageant. Led by their commanding officer, Lt. Col. Ian R. McDougall, and with colors cased, the unit, with their Pipe and Brass Bands, paraded down the Parkway to Reyburn Plaza.

There the Marine provisional battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Elmer Eaton and made up of personnel from District Headquarters, Marine Barracks, Inspector-Instructor Staffs from

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Wilmington, Eddystone, Philadelphia and Camden, and RS, Philadelphia, stood at attention as the Black Watch came on line for a formal review by Philadelphia's Mayor, the honorable Richardson Dilworth.

The two units exchanged salutes and Colonel Eaton escorted Colonel McDougall up to the reviewing stand to be presented to Mayor Dilworth. The Mayor officially welcomed the goodwill emmissaries from the North, extended the "freedom of the city" and presented Colonel McDougall with the city's flag.

Mayor Dilworth reminded Colonel McDougall that "freedom" included "the privilege of recruiting in the city." Colonel McDougall thanked the Mayor for the honor to the regiment and assured him that the Black Watch would not avail itself of one of the ancient privileges connected with receiving "freedom of the city", that of receiving "a share in the revenue accuring from the corporate property".

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The units were greeted by a detachment of the First City Troop, of Philadelphia and reviewed by Rear Admiral E. H. von Heimburg, Commandant, 4th Naval District. After the review, Colonel McDougall placed a wreath at the foot of the stature of George Washington and The Canadian Pipe Major played the traditional Lament.

Units then returned to the Naval Base for noon meal their officers and city officials were guests at a luncheon given by the Home Insurance Company.

Saturday evening, officers of The Black Watch were host to civic dignitaries and representatives of the United States Armed Forces at a Highland Mess Dinner held at the Union League. During the dinner, Haggis Party, Snuff Party and Quaich Cups, traditions dating back to 1725, were held. Throughout the dinner the unit's Pipe Band and Brass Band alternately furnished music by marching around the tables.

At the same time Philadelphia's two Marine Corps Reserve units, 1st 155mm Howitzer Bn and 2d Depot Supply Bn, were host at a dance for enlisted men at 111th National Guard Regiment Armory.

Sunday morning saw The Black Watch at Rittenhouse Square, 18th and Walnut Streets, were they participated in a church parade prior to attending services at Holy Trinity Church and Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul.

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In the afternoon, Lt. Col. McDougall with his Pipe and Brass Fand, accompanied by an honor escort of Marines, participated in ceremonies at the grave of Benjamin Franklin. Colonel McDougall placed a wreath on the grave and his Band played the Lament.

Shortly after the grave-side ceremonies, a Marine unit led by the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps from Washington, D. C., marched onto Independence Mall where they conducted a Formal Guard Mount.

As they marched off the field, the famous Marine Corps Drill Team marched on and received an ovation from the thousands of spectators as they performed their silent routine.

Following the Drill Team, the Black Watch unit marched on with their Pipe and Brass Bands and performed the same colorful Changing of the Guard ceremony as is held at Buckingham Place. When the ceremony was completed, spectators lining the Mall and all around Independence Hall gave them a standing ovation for what was termed, "one of the most colorful ceremonies ever held in the city."

As the unit departed on Sunday night for Montreal, Colonel McDougall said, "The honor given The Black Watch during their visit in this magnificent city will always be treasured in the memories of each and everyone in the unit".

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Marines Join Black Watch For Celebration

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Members of two of the world's elite fighting forces — The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada and the United States Marine Corps — will participate jointly in a colorful two-day military pageant here in Philadelphia this weekend.

The 250-man detachment of the 3rd Battalion, the Black Watch, will be here as guests of the city in conjunction with Philadelphia's celebration of the 250th birthdate of Benjamin Franklin.

Blues and Kilts

A provisional battalion of Marines, clad in traditional dress blue uniforms, will con strast sharply with the Candian's distinctive uniform of green coates, kits and blue balmorals.

Led by their commanding officer, LtCol. Ian R. McDougall, The Black Watch detachment will be accompanied by their own Pipe and brass bands.

Canadians Welcomed

One of the highlights of the ceremonies will be a parade Saturday from Logan Circle to Independence Mall by the Canadian detachment. The Black Watch unit will halt and form at Rayburn Plaza, where the Marine battalion will already be formed, for a formal review by Philadelphia's Mayor, the honorable Richardson Dilworth. At this time the Mayor will officially welcome the goodwill emmissaries from the North and extend to them the "freedom of the city."

Symbolizing their acceptance, the Canadians will, for the first time, unfurl their colors and, with the Marine battalion, proceed east on Chestnut street to Independence Mall.

Wreath Placed

At the Mall, the units will be greeted by a detachment of city Troops and the local senior members of the Armed Forces. LtCol. McDougall will place a wreath at the foot of the statue of George Washington at Independence Hall.

Troops will then be dismissed and enlisted members of the Canadian battalion will be conducted on guided tours.

Tomorrow night officers of The Black Watch will play host to civic dignitaries and representatives of the United States Armed Forcese in a Highland Mess Dinner. At the same time, Philadelphia's Marine Reserve units will play host to the Canadian enlisted men at a dance.

THE EVENING BULLETIN, PHILADELPHIA, PA., FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 1956

In Our Town

By Earl and Anne Selby

The Pipers...

Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. McLeod, 41 Hurley Court, Millbourne, came here from Montreal so McLeod could take post graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania.

Come Saturday they'll see his father, Donald W. McLeod, also of Montreal, parading on Chestnut st. wearing kilts and playing the bagpipes.

The elder McLeod is a member of Canada's royal highland regiment, the "Black Watch," which will be here on a good will tour honoring the 250th anniversary of Ben Franklin's birth . . .

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JUNE 10, 1956

Black Watch Parades Here

Thousands Greet Canadian Regiment

Kilted Highlanders of the Black Watch Regiment of Canada marched through Philadelphia yesterday to the skirl of bagpipes and the music of their brass band.

The regiment's 3d battalion, based in Montreal, paraded from Logan Circle to Reyburn Plaza. Here a detachment of 150 Marines from the Philadelphia Naval Base stood at attention to salute the Canadians.

The Black Watch commander, Lieutenant Colonel Ian R. McDougall, and the Marines' commander, Colonel James E. Mills, exchanged salutes.

Dilworth on Hand

Mayor Dilworth greeted McDougall and granted the Black Watch the "freedom of the city," which includes, he reminded McDougall, "the privilege of recruiting in the city." He also presented the city's colors to the regiment.

The Black Watch bandsmen, in scarlet coats and black shakos, played the national anthems of the United States and Great Britain.

McDougall thanked Dilworth for the honor to the regiment and assured him that the Black Watch would not avail itself of one of the ancient privileges connected with receiving "freedom of a city" . . . that of receiving "a share in

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the revenue accruing from the corporate property."

McDougall also gave Dilworth a letter from Mayor Jean Drapeau, of Montreal, and a regimental claymore, or ornamental broadsword.

Then, led by the Black Watch band, the Highlanders and Marines marched to Independence Square, where they were greeted by a detachment from the First City Troop. McDougall placed a wreath at the foot of the statue of George Washington.

Last night, Black Watch officers were hosts to city officials and military personnel at a traditional Highland mess dinner at the Union League. Philadelphia Marine Corps reserve units entertained the enlisted men at a dance at the 111th Infantry Regiment Armory, Broad and Wharton sts.

This morning, a contingent of the Black Watch is to parade through Rittenhouse Square and then take part in services at Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut sts.

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 8, 1956

Black Watch To Parade Here

Two rifle companies of the Third Battalion of the Black Watch of Canada, accompanied by their brass band and pipe band, will take part with military contingents stationed here tomorrow in paying tribute to the memory of Benjamin Franklin as part of the observance of the 250th anniversary of his birth.

The colorfully kilted unit of 250 men, whose uniforms once earned them the title of "the ladies from heli," are scheduled to parade down the Parkway from Logan Circle to Reyburn Plaza at 11 A. M. prior to joining units of the Marine Corps Reserve in commemorative exercises at Independence Mall.

In keeping with tradition, the visitors will stage the first part of their march with bayonets sheathed and regimental flags in their cases, until Mayor Richardson Dilworth, in a ceremony at Reyburn Plaza, makes them the first Canadian military unit in history to receive "the freedom of the city" from Philadelphia. Afterward they will march with colors flying and bayonets fixed, with the local Marine contingent, around City Hall and down Chestnut st. to the Mall.

Tonight the officers of the Watch will be guests of the Union League at a "Highland Mess" dinner at which the haggis will be piped in by a party of the regimental pipe band. Lt. Col. I. R. McDougall, commanding officer of the battalion, will cut the haggis. Noncommissioned officers and men of the unit will be guests at a dance at the 111th Regiment Armory, Broad and Wharton sts., tonight.

Lt. Col. Ian R. McDougall, commanding officer of 3d Battalion, Black Watch, of Canada, which will visit city tomorrow and Sunday.

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 10, 1956

BAGPIPE UNIT LEADS BLACK WATCH BATTALION DOWN PARKWAY TO CITY HALL

FREEDOM OF CITY

In the opening of their two-day program honoring Franklin, the Black Watch was granted the "freedom" of the city yesterday at impressive military ceremonies at Reyburn Plaza.

Mayor Dilworth presented Lt. Col. Ian R. McDougall, commanding officer of the Canadian battalion, the colors of the city. In return, he received its Regimental Claymore, a basket-hilted broad sword.

The colorful group, wearing full-dress uniforms of green coatees, distinctive kilt and blue balmorals and accompanied by its pipe and brass bands, marched into Reyburn Plaza from Logan Circle at 11:40 A. M. They were met there by a battalion of marines in dress blue uniforms from the Naval Base.

INSPECTION BY MAYOR

As part of the ceremonies, Mayor Dilworth inspected the 250-man Black Watch.

In an address, Col. McDougall pointed out that Franklin established the first postal service in Canada after it became a British Province and established the printing craft in Montreal, in which today is The Gazette, "one of the influential newspapers in my country."

Mayor Dilworth recalled that many of the 2000 Americans who joined the Montreal Black Watch unit in 1917 were recruited in Philadelphia. This was its first visit here since the recruiting drive in 1917.

HIGHLAND MESS

After the ceremonies at Reyburn Plaza, both the Black Watch and U. S. Marines paraded down 15th st. to Chestnut and then down Chestnut to Independence Hall for wreath-laying ceremonies at the foot of the statue of George Washington.

A Highland Mess dinner was held last night at the Union League for officers while enlisted men were guests at a dance at the Navy Yard.

This morning, they will attend a religious service at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Rittenhouse Square. They will participate in the ceremonies at Franklin's grave.

PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS, THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1956 12

Goings On . . .

'Round Our Town

CHARLIE BANNISTER, Editor

GUEST BOOK . . . Kilted Canadian battalion of the Black Watch to attend services Sunday at Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Sts., after parade around Rittenhouse Square, 10-10.30 a.m. Its visit here Saturday and Sunday is linked with city's 250th anniversary celebration of birth of Ben Franklin.

PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 1956

BLACK WATCH LEADER — Lt. Col. Ian McDougall is commanding officer of Black Watch Third Battalion, due here for visit tomorrow, Sunday. Tomorrow the kilted Canadians will march from Parkway to Independence Hall. They'll be guests of Marine Corps at Navy Yard.

PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS, SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1956

'Ladies from Hell' March Here In Rites Honoring Franklin

The "Ladies from Hell" marched on Philadelphia today.

Mayor Dilworth granted "Freedom of the City"—a rare military honor — to them. The "ladies" are members of the Third Battalion of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada.

The kilted troopers are helping Philadelphia celebrate the 250th birthday anniversary of Benjamin Franklin.

WELCOMING ceremonies, dinners, dances, rites at Franklin's grave and a formal guard mount are on tab for the Canadians.

The troopers — who earned their "Ladies from Hell" nickname in World War I—stepped across Benjamin Franklin Bridge.

Greeting them for their two-day visit was a police escort. Marching into the city were 216 men and 30 officers of the Montreal battalion. Lt. Col. Ian R. McDougall commands the troops.

THE BLACK WATCH was scheduled to march from Logan Circle to Reyburn Plaza and thence to Independence Hall with bayonets sheathed and regimental flags encased.

Tonight, Black Watch officers will be hosts for a traditional Highland Mess Dinner at the Union League. Festivities tomorrow include a Black Watch unit parade around Rittenhouse Square, rites at Franklin's grave and a formal guard mount on Independence Mall by U. S. Marines.

PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS, MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1956

'Patron Saint Of Advertising'

HONOR GUARD of the Black Watch marches to rededication rites at Franklin's grave in Christ Church burial grounds. The wreath-laying was held in connection with the convention of the Advertising Federation of America, now in progress here. Among his other achievements, Franklin is known as "the patron saint of advertising."

PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS, MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1956

STANDING STIFFILY at attention, Maj. Egan Chambers of the famed Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada and Marine Corps Capt. John Love face each other on Independence Mall. The colorful Canadian group and the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps participated in ceremonies honoring Benjamin Franklin.

News Photos by Elwood P. Smith

Kilted 'Ladies' To March in Parade Here

A battalion of the famous Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, the kilted "Ladies from Hell" of World War One fame, will come to Philadelphia June 9-10 to participate in the celebration of the 250th birthday of Benjamin Franklin.

The battalion was invited by Mayor Richardson Dilworth.

To Wear Dress Uniforms

The Canadians will wear their full-dress uniforms of green coatees, a kilt and blue balmorals when they march in the June 9 parade along with detachments from local U. S. Marine Corps installations.

Enlisted personnel of the battalion will be quartered and fed by the Marines at the Philadelphia Naval Base's Marine Barracks. Visiting officers will be housed by various civic leaders.

Canadian Visitors

MEMBERS of the Black Watch Regiment of Canada chat with Deputy to the Mayor Joseph J. Gaffigan in front of the bell of the USS Philadelphia at City Hall. The officers, Capt. Ian Roberts, left, and Lt. L. H. Walls, right, are in Philadelphia to plan a visit of the famed "Ladies from Hell" June 9-10.

THE EVENING BULLETIN, PHILADELPHIA, PA., MONDAY, MAY 21, 1956

'Ladies From Hell' Visit City in June

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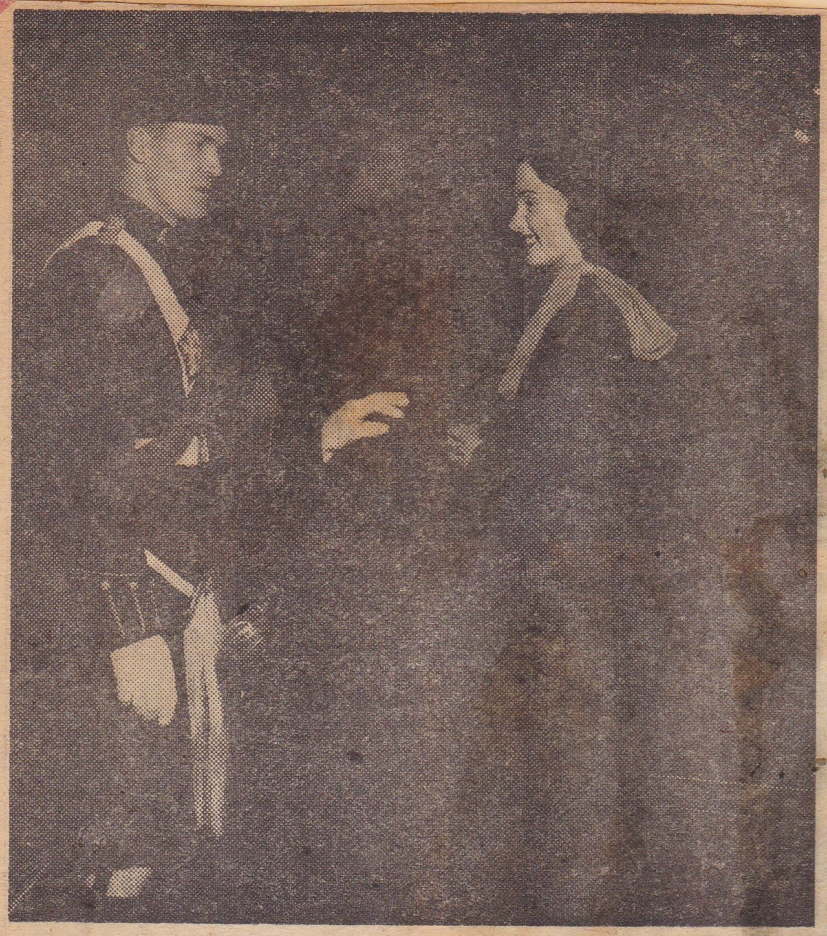
Enlisted personnel of the Black Watch battalion will be quartered at the Navy Yard, while officers will be housed by various civic leaders who spearheaded the invitation to the famous unit. The Black Watch has not visited Philadelphia as a unit since its recruiting parades here in 1917.

CAMP LEJEUNE GLOBE, CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C., 22 June, 1956



LIBERTY BELLE—Lt. Peter Webb, 3rd Bn., Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, seems more interested in the belle than the bell. The lieutenant and Mary Jane Mangler, Miss Philadelphia of 1956, visited Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell during the Black Watch's two-day goodwill visit to Philadelphia last week.

Kilted Capers

Bagpipers Invade 'Philly' To Fete Poor Richard's Birth

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